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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, applicants hereby petition that the period for replying to the Office Action that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned application on October 18, 2002 be extended for three (3) months, to and including April 18, 2003.

Enclosed is a check for \$930.00 for the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).

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